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MAKING SUCH STENTS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the mailing of a first Office Action, please
consider the remarks below.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-47 and 49-50.

Please amend claim 48 as follows:

1 48. (amended) An expandable stent for treating a lumen having a
2 non-uniform radial force, comprising: a plurality of interconnected
3 flexible cells defining a stent having a proximal end and a distal
4 end and a longitudinal axis, the cells arranged in a plurality of
5 interconnected flexible rows [defining a stent having a proximal end
6 and a distal end and a longitudinal axis] disposed along the
7 longitudinal axis of the stent with a distal row disposed at the
8 distal end of the stent and a proximal row disposed at the proximal